

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2016

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met at the Indiana Judicial Center in the 8th Floor Conference Center at 30 South Meridian Street in Indianapolis, Indiana on February 19, 2016. The Advisory Council met 10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.

- 1. Members present.** The following members of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council were present: Larry Landis, Executive Director of the Indiana Public Defender Council; James Oliver, proxy for the Executive Director of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council; Kevin Moore, Director of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction; Julie Lanham, proxy for the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction; David Murtaugh, Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Dave Heath, President of the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties; Linda Brady, President of the Probation Officer's Professional Association of Indiana; Jeff Cappa, President of the Indiana Sheriffs Association; and Jane Seigel, Executive Director of the Indiana Judicial Center and Council Chair.
- 2. Guests present.** The following guests also attended the meeting: Deb Braun, Aaron Garner, Jon Ferguson, Jim Basinger, and Jack Hendricks from the Indiana Department of Correction; Bill Watson from the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties; Christine Kerl and Adam McQueen from the Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana; Hilary Alderete from the Indiana State Budget Agency; Sara Cozad, Stephanie Spoolstra, Angie Boarman, and Terry Cook from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction; Krista Rivera from the Indiana Senate; Steve McCaffrey from Mental Health America of Indiana; Kristin Casper from the Indiana Public Defender Council; Bill Wilson from the Indiana Sheriffs Association; Dave Williams from Court Technology; Alison Karns and John Hill from the Office of Governor Mike Pence; Matthew Brooks from the Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers; and Dr. Brad Ray from IUPUI.
- 3. Staff assistance.** Jennifer Bauer, Mary Kay Hudson, and Michelle Goodman provided staff assistance to the Advisory Council.
- 4. Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the January 15, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections made to item #8.
- 5. DOC parole violators report.** Jon Ferguson distributed a handout and reported that parole terms are paused if a parolee gets jail time for a new Level 6 conviction. He said that parole returns to DOC are trending down. Jane Seigel

led a Council discussion of the statute that limits Level 6 commitments to DOC. She said there are concerns that the statute can be interpreted in more than one way. The Council members discussed drafting a possible legislative amendment to make the statute more clear and asked the Legislative Committee to make a recommendation.

- 6. Report from DMHA on Recovery Works launch.** Kevin Moore distributed a handout and reported that DMHA has paid \$147,000 in vouchers for 819 participants through Recovery Works services since the beginning of November. He reported that the top three services are housing assistance, individual substance use counseling, and group substance use counseling and the top three referring counties are Vanderburgh, Marion and Vigo. Sara Cozad reported that only two counties are not currently served by a Recovery Works designated agency and that the numbers for persons served are increasing weekly. Ms. Cozad also reported that \$2 million has been reserved for services for the persons served so far. Stephanie Spoolstra reported a success story from Vigo County. She stated that a man in work release got vouchers for housing and treatment while his Medicaid application was pending. The vouchers helped him save money so he could get his own apartment and he no longer needs the vouchers because his insurance is now active. Ms. Cozad reported that DMHA personnel have been on the road explaining the referral process to criminal justice partners and they will attend an upcoming jail commanders meeting. Angie Borman reported that providers will go to the Putnamville Correctional Facility once a month to do pre-release assessments as part of a DMHA pilot project. Mr. Moore reported that DMHA can put links to Recovery Works on websites for other agencies. He also stated that DMHA estimates provider capacity at 7,350 individuals served at one time. The Council discussed the provider pool and whether it will be sufficient when misdemeanor and juvenile offenders are eligible for Recovery Works.
- 7. Report from DOC on 2016 application process.** Deb Braun distributed three documents reported that the applications for FY 17 grant funds were due by January 31. DOC received 78 applications requesting a total of \$27.8 million. Jane Seigel suggested that the Criminal Justice Institute be included in the application review process.
- 8. Legislative Update.** Larry Landis reported that HB 1102 was amended on second reading to allow money for services in jails and pretrial release programs. He stated that the DOC report on operational savings from HEA 1006 is due by March 1st. Jane Seigel reported that the juvenile community corrections bill was amended and will not affect adult community corrections funding.
- 9. Recovery Works Evaluation Process.** Dr. Brad Ray from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs reported that he will conduct the

independent program evaluation of DMHA's Recovery Works program. He stated that the evaluation will include focus groups and a statewide survey of criminal justice staff regarding attitudes on recovery and treatment.

10. Other business. Julie Lanham reported that Stephanie Spoolstra will join DOC at the end of the month to run the treatment program. Larry Landis reported that the Indiana Public Defender Council is still looking for a navigator for public defenders.

11. Next meeting. Jane Seigel announced that the Advisory Council will meet on April 14 and April 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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